

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0026-0027] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0026] As shown in FIGS. 1 and 9, structural straps [[20]] 21 are attached to the structural members 18 via fasteners (not shown) at a lower distal end and extend in a direction approximately perpendicular to the structural members. The structural straps [[20]] 21 are positioned generally opposite one another and provide stability to the wall during construction. While an upstanding wall has been shown and described, the present invention is not limited in this regard as horizontal surfaces or other curved horizontal surfaces having complex contours can also be fabricated using the system of the present invention without departing from the broader aspects thereof. Furthermore, while structural straps [[20]] 21 have been shown only being positioned at a lower portion of a wall, the present invention is not limited in this regard as the structural straps 21 can, and preferably are also positioned at an upper portion of the wall.

[0027] To fabricate a wall employing the present invention the wall can be framed while lying on a horizontal with the structural straps [[20]] 21 fastened in place. Note that in the illustrated embodiment, the structural straps [[20]] 21 define slots 22 extending therethrough. The slots 22 allow relative motion between the structural members coupled to the connector plates 12 and the structural straps [[22]] 21. The relative motion allows the wall 10 to be manipulated to conform to a desired shape. The wall 10, once in an upstanding position can be fastened to a floor and/or ceiling by fasteners (not shown) that extend through apertures 24 defined by the connector plates. Likewise, the connector plates 12 can be attached via fasteners (not shown) that extend through connector plates via slots 26, 28, and 30 defined by a bottom, side and front surface[[.]] 32, 34, and 36 respectively, defined by the connector plates.